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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN

Attached for your review is the Preliminary Draft of the *California State Rail Plan 2001-02 to 2010-11* (the State Rail Plan). The State Rail Plan will be submitted to the full Commission at its January 2002 meeting for its advice and consent pursuant to Section 14036 of the Government Code.

The passenger element of the State Rail Plan reviews the current operations of the three state-supported intercity rail passenger routes (the Pacific Surfliner, the San Joaquin, and the Capitol Corridor), and outlines ten-year plans for capital improvements and service expansions for the fiscal years 2001-02 through 2010-11. The passenger rail element also addresses the Department's vision for intercity rail, its standards for achievement of 10-year goals within that vision, and the relationship of the passenger rail element to Amtrak's *California Rail Passenger 20-Year Plan*. In addition, the passenger rail element discusses potential new routes and services including high speed rail. It will be reviewed by the Los Angeles – San Diego Rail Corridor Agency, the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority.

The freight element of the State Rail Plan is an overview of the State rail system, looking at commodities and volumes of freight moving in and out of the State. The freight rail element also looks at freight issues like capacity concerns, intermodal traffic, passenger and freight trains sharing right of way, short line railroad issues, funding programs, environmental issues, new technology, and future needs and objectives. The freight rail element was reviewed at public meetings held in Oakland and Los Angeles in August 2000 attended by railroads, regional transportation planning agencies, ports, airports and other interested local entities.